

Church Office Hours: 9am -12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).

'Prayer Chain' – Urgent matters for confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Joy McHardy or Val Judd.

Tuesday 'Prayer For the Nation'-11am–12noon in Church prayer room.

Wednesday, 'Mens Breakfast'- meets every Wednesday morning 6:45am - 7:50am in the Church house lounge. For more info contact Paul Cosson.

Friday Revival Prayer'– every Friday evening 6:30pm-7:30pm at Joy McHardy's home.



FOODBANK... Thank you for your faithful giving to this ministry. We are reasonably well stocked with most foodbank items, however would greatly appreciate help with the following:
rice, UHT milk, sugar, pasta sauce, canned veges, kids toothbrushes and laundry powder.

Te Wiremu Rest Home Service – Wed 29 August @ 3pm

Mangapapa Church's Gretchen Norman will be leading the afternoon church service at Te Wiremu this coming Wednesday. All welcome!!

MUP Small Groups – We are aware that a few people are keen to be part of a small group, either for a short or long term. There is a chance that the Alpha Course could be offered in a small group setting, or there are many other studies that could be worked through. Register your interest by signing the form on the church auditorium table, and we will try to tailor something to suit. Please speak to Paula or Diane for more info or if you have any suggestions.



Youth Group Small Group 'Prayer Course'

Session 2 of 6: Thursday 30th August 7pm – 8:15pm.

Study series focus: 'Learn about talking with God and praying for each other'.

Youth Group Next Week:

Friday 31st August 2018

'Combined Gym Night with Wainui Beach Church YG'

Check YG Facebook page for more details



	Today 26 August 2018	Next Sunday 2 September
Greeters	N Hawkins, L McAra	M Wilson, A Clement
Explorers crèche	V Judd	R Martyn
Matrix	L Hindle	No Matrix re Family Service
Ministry Team	E Oates	J McHardy
Cups of Tea	B & A Hall, A Alder	P & D Viljoen, W Carstens
Flowers	D Dobbie	D Dobbie
AV & Sound	P Oram, P Cosson	R Nelson, G O'Neil
Counters	N Coffey	N Coffey



Sunday 26 August 2018

10am: "Peace"

**Leading: Leigh McGurk Preaching: Frank Darcy
Duty Elder: Rodney Judd**

6:30pm - Evening Fellowship Gathering

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*'Explorers' creche is operating and available for 1-4 years.
'Kidzspace' Primary age children head out when directed.
'Matrix' Intermediates meet during the message time, over in the house*

Paula writes... I wonder whether you took on some of the Matthew 25 challenges this week? This morning we will have a chance to share some stories and experiences. Although some of the challenges weren't easy (for me giving up coffee and sleeping on the floor!), I was deeply struck by the fact I had choices to do these things – and after 24 hours I could change back.

As we heard and saw a little of the lives of Choolwe, Ali, Ekai and others, our eyes were opened a little more to children who had seen so much suffering, were grown up beyond their years yet showed resilience and touched our hearts.

I hope we together, have learnt just a little of some of the challenges faced by others every day, and can together find ways to respond. As we do I have two questions:

What is one way you could live differently in response to this week?

What are some ways we as a community can collectively respond?

Maybe our response is to be more grateful for what we have: clean running water, enough to eat, a bed to sleep on, a roof that keeps out the rain.

Maybe it is to sponsor a child, give a donation, or contribute to one of our mission partners.

Maybe it is to once a week have a simple meal, give up a coffee and give what you save to someone in need.

Maybe it is to visit your neighbour who is lonely, pray and practically care for a friend who is sick, or become part of working with those with family members in prison.

Maybe it is to walk, pray, and ask God to show you how to make a difference right where you are?

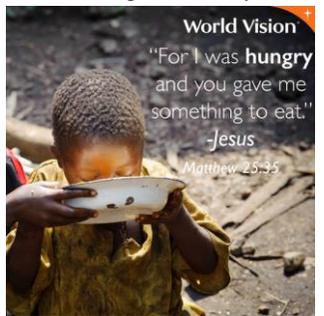
For our Uganda team – maybe they have already said Yes in a significant way – but it's a willingness to let God really impact and change you through the people you meet and all you will see and do.

As we grow in our knowledge of God, as we love and worship Him, and as we daily give our lives to follow Him, may we not be afraid of suffering but allow ourselves to be a part of the solution, bringing healing and deliverance, hope to the weary, food to the hungry, and light to those in darkness.

Thank you for participating in these challenges, thank you for being willing to have your hearts touched and stretched, and thank you for all you already do in loving and serving others. Bless you all with courage and compassion as you decide how to respond. And if you have ideas about how we as a community can do this together please let me know...

Thank you also for your generous response to our Bake for Bibles project – more than \$400 has already come in: which will allow 200 Bibles to be printed. Awesome 😊

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.



Frank shares on his message this morning...Ephesians 2:14 - "He himself is our peace, who has made the two (Jew and Gentile) one and he has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility..."

People sometimes question why Christ had to die such a violent death when he had done so many wonderful things for people.

Why is it that since the announcement of "Peace on earth, good will..." there have been almost 2,000 years of constant warfare and bloodshed? Why is the concept of "peace" so elusive?

During the message this morning, we will hear a wonderful true story of peace and reconciliation that occurred over a century ago. It is taken from a book of devotional readings by William Barclay, the great Scottish Presbyterian pastor and Bible scholar.

In our role as "ambassadors for Christ" (2 Cor. 5:20), we have the privilege of being used by God in giving to the poor and bringing relief to those who suffer need and want.

In so doing, we further God's work of reconciling all things to himself (Col. 1:20). May God continue to use us to bring healing and deliverance to those in need both here and elsewhere.

Coming Up

- **This afternoon, from 4:30 - 6pm Spiritual Parenting' Session 5:** 'The Environment of the Faith Community'
- **Sunday 2nd September: Shared Lunch after Morning Service** – Stay and enjoy an extended time of connection. Please bring some finger-food to share. If you are happy to help in the kitchen, please contact Nicola on 06 863-2580/022 131-9171.
- **Wednesday 5th September: Women's Get Together(S) 10am or 7pm in 'Kidzspace/Blue Room'**
Come along, at one of these times, and enjoy connecting with other Christian women. There will be time to chat over food, followed by a Teaching DVD from the Sista's conference and discussion. The DVD examines 4 things that if present in our life, keep us in bondage. Being aware is often the first step to change in ourselves or to developing empathy for others. So come along, be blessed by others and be a blessing to others! **NB:** Older high school students are welcome and you may invite other Christian women.
- **Wednesday 12 September in Church Auditorium @ 7pm 'MUP's 105th AGM'**
Thank-you to all our ministry leaders who have now submitted their respective reports for next month's AGM. A copy of all the AGM Reports will be made available at church next Sunday morning (one copy per family please).



CAPtion – if you would like to spend time together praying specifically for CAP clients and the CAP ministry then meet on Monday 3rd September. 10am in the lounge of the church house - Nicola.